

News Briefs

Enlisted promotions
The monthly enlisted promotion ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. today at the community center.

GWOT-E Medal
On March 21, the Secretary of Defense approved the following additional areas to the designated geographical locations of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal on or after Sept. 11, 2001: Algeria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Chad, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo (only specified GWOT operations not associated with operations qualifying for the Kosovo campaign medal), Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Turkey, Uganda, and the Mediterranean Sea ("boarding and searching") vessel operations. Members must provide source documentation (i.e. PCS/TDY orders, travel voucher, OPR/EPR/LOE, or decoration citation, etc.) to the military personnel facility for verification and updating. For further questions please contact MPF career enhancements at Ext. 2586.

Dialing 911
If people dial 911 from a cell phone on base, the call goes to Lowndes County 911. A person should then identify themselves as having an emergency on Columbus AFB. Once this is accomplished, the Lowndes County 911 dispatcher will forward the call to the Columbus AFB 911 dispatcher, who will then provide assistance. The base dispatcher may also be reached directly by dialing 911 from any wired base phone, including base housing.

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Base children participate in deployment exercise.



Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd

Jimmie Terry, DynCorp aircraft mechanic, works on a T-37 Tweet's brakes in the BLAZE Hangar. DynCorp Transportation Services Aviation Services Inc. was awarded the new Columbus AFB aircraft maintenance services contract.

DynCorp Transportation Services wins contract

Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd
14th Flying Training Wing

DynCorp Transportation Service Aviation Services Inc. was awarded the new Columbus aircraft maintenance services contract.

Contract mobilization is scheduled to begin Sept. 1, 2005 and the contract performance is scheduled to begin Oct. 1, 2005. There is a one-year basic contract period, with six option years.

"We are very happy to be here for another seven years," said Gene Kinion, 14th Flying Training Wing maintenance directorate. "The company is looking forward to the upcoming challenges facing Columbus AFB: T-6 arrival, T-37 departure, T-38 ejection seat modification and the T-38 PMP completion.

"Change-over of the contractor would have created a lot of changes and possible confusion," Mr. Kinion said. "Another contractor's organization could have changed where personnel worked and possibly slowed down production until three or four months of operations. An incumbent will have very few changes and we are familiar with the actual day-to-day requirements, plus we have the insight into the future plans at Columbus AFB."

The new contract was awarded to DTS Aviation following a best value

AF Reserves seeks applicants for full-time duty

WASHINGTON — Air Force Reserve officials are looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

In the past 15 years, the number of slots has increased from 400 to more than 1,900 authorizations.

"We have opportunities in many specialties but a larger concentration in career fields such as security forces, combat rescue, intelligence, maintenance, space, pilot and personnel," said Maj. Dawn Suitor, deputy director of the office of Air Force Reserve's AGR management office. "Currently, Air Force Reserve Command's hard-to-fill positions are in security forces, intelligence and combat rescue. We are actively seeking volunteers for these programs."

Reservists in the AGR program serve under the authority of Title 10 of the U.S. Code and receive most of the benefits afforded to the active force. They qualify for an active-duty retirement, provided they attain career status and can serve 20 years active federal military service.


The program offers tours of duty on the Air Staff; AFRC headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Air Reserve Personnel Center headquarters in Denver; in AFRC units; and with other major commands.

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program, is available on the AFRC Web site under job opportunities at www.afrc.af.mil/. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)



Columbus AFB meets mark during ESOHCAMP

Airman Alyssa Wallace
14th Flying Training Wing



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Occupational Health Positive Performers
Capt. Kendra Gomez, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; **Tony Boykin**, 14th CES; and **Chris Rice**, 14th CES
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PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD	
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required
37th (06-07)	1.25 days	0.53 days	Sept. 2	48th (05-13)	3.36 days	1.10 days	Aug. 12	T-37	2,533
41st (06-06)	3.35 days	0.59 days	Aug. 11	50th (05-13)	1.72 days	1.33 days	Aug. 12	T-38C	937
								T-1A	966
								Flown	2,228
								Annual	876
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									905
									11,113

Graduation speaker: Col. J. Mike Holmes, 4th Fighter Wing commander

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **26 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide.** Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



Airmen missing from Vietnam War identified

WASHINGTON — Officials with the Department of Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office announced July 26 that the remains of two Airmen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are Col. James Lewis of Marshall, Texas, and Maj. Arthur Baker of San Antonio. Colonel Lewis will be buried in Marshall on August 13, and Major Baker will be buried in Longview, Texas, on July 29.

The Airmen led a flight of four B-57B Canberra aircraft April 7, 1965, on an interdiction mission over Xiangkhoang Province, Laos. After their B-57 initiated an attack they flew into heavy clouds and Colonel Lewis radioed that his plane was outbound away from the target. There was no further radio or visual contact with the crew, and search-and-rescue missions failed to yield any evidence of the two men or their aircraft. Although the cause of the crash is unknown, enemy fire and bad weather are believed to be contributing factors, officials said.

In July 1997, a joint U.S.-Lao People's Democratic Republic team interviewed several witnesses, two of whom led the team to the crash site. Four excavations led by the Joint POW/Missing In Action Accounting Command from 2003 to 2004 yielded human remains and crew-related artifacts.

The JPAC and Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab scientists used mitochondrial DNA to identify the remains as those of the Airmen.

Of the 88,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, 1,827 are from the Vietnam War, with 372 of those within Laos. Another 756 Americans have been accounted for in Southeast Asia since the end of the Vietnam War. Of the Americans identified, 197 are from losses in Laos. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

Test pilot school selection board date set

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials plan to hold the next test pilot school selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center Nov. 28 to Dec. 2 for classes beginning in July 2006 and January 2007.

The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School trains pilots and navigators as well as civilian and military engineers to test and evaluate the newest aircraft and weapons systems.

Applicants from all aircraft types and backgrounds must have strong academic and technical experience, along with a desire to help develop the next generation of Air Force weapons and weapons systems.

Air Force officers and civilians eligible for the school can

volunteer for a joint Air Force Institute of Technology and test pilot school program leading to a Master of Science degree in aeronautical, electrical or computer engineering.

Selected officers will enter AFIT for a special program then continue on to the regular test pilot school curriculum 15 months later.

All officers eligible, in accordance with Air Force Instruction 99-107, Test Pilot School, may apply. Officers who currently have an application on file must update it as specified in AFI 99-107.

New applications and updated information must arrive no later than Oct. 14 at HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street

West, Suite 31, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4733.

Applicants should advise their commanders or supervisors who are providing recommendations on an AF Form 1712, Special Flying Programs Recommendation, of the application deadline.

Only those applicants available for reassignment who also meet time-on-station requirements will be considered.

For more information on application procedures, Airmen can call the AFPC Special Flying Programs Office at DSN 665-2330, commercial (210) 565-2330 or visit the test pilot school Web site at www.edwards.af.mil/TPS/. *(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

Lighting their future



Tammi Baudoin

Senior Master Sgts. Cristi Bowes, 14th Mission Support Group, and Joseph Bulmahn, 14th Medical Group, light a candle to signify being selected for the top one percent of the enlist-ed force. Sergeants Bowes and Bulmahn will pin on chief master sergeant in the fall.

Perseverance — Life quality produced in military

Maj. Floyd Gwartney
14th Flying Training
Wing



Persistence, tenacity, perseverance ... the character of "Stick-to-it-iv-ness." In many cases it's the difference between failure and success. More often than not, it's an individual's ability to withstand difficulties and "bounce back" from setbacks.

You do not have to be a leader to have perseverance, but you do have to have perseverance to be a leader. Perseverance is not limited to a select few who possess some unique ability but rather can be described as universal a quality for success. It is not a quality you will see on a job description, and it is not a quality that can be taught in a classroom or learned in an entry-level job. It cannot be obtained through osmosis. It is an innate character trait that can be learned if not already possessed. The trick is being in an environment that allows perseverance, as well as other valuable qualities, to be continually developed, honed and used in everyday life.

The military provides a unique environment to do just that. It fosters and encourages the development of these qualities in every member. We are taught to per-

severe in the face of obstacles or difficulties no matter how insurmountable they might seem. We are trained and expected to "get the job done" and not offer excuses for why it cannot be done. We are taught to develop a strategy, and if it doesn't work, go at it again another way. Often we have to "think outside the box" and try something that hasn't been done before. The bottom line is to get the job done and done right. The jewel here is this quality is valued in all areas of life, both in and out of the military.

Our American military heritage provides proof, beginning with the American Revolution in 1775 to the present, that time and time again perseverance begets victory. Specific examples where perseverance was a deciding element can be found in American conflicts throughout history to include American troops fighting British troops to a standstill in the War of 1812, and the defeat of the massive army of Santa Anna in the Mexican War.

Instances abound when American armies opposed each other in the Civil War or when the American Doughboys broke the kaiser's army in World War I. History continues with battles in both the European and Pacific theaters during World War II and more when another generation of soldiers stopped the advance of communism on the Korean Peninsula. In all of these, it wasn't just the numbers of soldiers amassed or the technology that secured victories, but rather perseverance in the troops who refused to give

up. The history of military conflicts and examples of individual as well as group perseverance continue and move to the more recent where war was brought into our living rooms with Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and now with Afghanistan and Iraqi freedom.

Where would we be if Marie and Pierre Curie had given up in their quest to isolate radium from a low-grade uranium ore?

Paul Harvey put it well when he once said that "Someday I hope to enjoy enough of what the world calls success so that someone will ask me, 'What's the secret of it?' I shall say simply this: 'I get up when I fall down.'" That's pretty much to the point.

While perseverance is evident in more modern chronology, evidence from ancient times can be seen in the Old Testament. Vivid accounts of Moses, Joshua, Nehemiah and Job continuing on their faithful track in spite of difficulties and opposition can be found. The New Testament provides Paul, the other disciples and ultimately Jesus providing the perfect example of perseverance for what had to be done.

History from the beginning to the present shows perseverance as a quality needed for success in "anything that matters." Without it you will certainly fall short. We as military professionals are living and working in an environment that is fertile for growing this valuable quality. Leaders, create an environment conducive to fostering perseverance and other qualities for success.

Adaptive AEF — Increased Teaming Efficiencies for AEF 9/10

Brig. Gen. Stephen Hoog
Air and Space Expeditionary
Force Center commander

"Why am I sending my airmen to 23 different locations?" one wing commander asked during a recent major command commanders conference. His concern was spot on — past rotations show there are occasions where unit teaming efficiencies must increase.

Under previous paradigms, we used deploying aircraft as the first priority to determine how and where to deploy expeditionary combat support (ECS) forces. Further, we considered the teaming goal to be represented by either the percentage of a wing deployed to the same place or the number of home-station installations required to support a forward operating location. While this still makes good sense in the traditional crisis deployment scenario envisioned by the

Air Force, it is not always the most efficient way to represent teaming for the supported commander — our primary customer and first priority when considering teaming and deployment options.

Under current Air and Space Expeditionary Forces rotational requirements, we very seldom use an entire wing's aviation capability. Under the concepts of modularity, scalability and effects-based combat presence, the Air Force typically deploys aircraft in small packages, tailored to the specific capabilities required. We also realize while some support functions must be closely tied to deploying aircraft, flying squadrons regularly deploy in whole or in part without taking the majority of their home station support with them. They rely instead on the in-place support functions at the host installation, be it an en-route stop, TDY location or forward operating

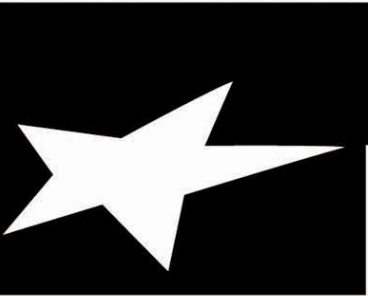
location. Additionally, many key wing positions in the AEF are filled with permanent party commanders and supervisors. This can lead to significant mismatches when attempting to align home station capabilities with forward operating location requirements solely at the wing level.

To improve effectiveness and efficiencies of ECS deployments based on these observations, the AEF center is adjusting the way we consider deployment teaming. Beginning with AEF 9/10, we're identifying "best-fit" ECS deployment options at the squadron level in addition to looking at wing-level percentages. This allows better capability alignment with a focus on the squadron as the foundation of command employment. Of course, we will attempt to send multiple squadrons to be efficiently teamed together from the same supporting wing or group, but squadron integrity

is now a primary consideration. This may mean multiple wings provide ECS squadrons to make up a deployed wing, but if the integrity of those individual squadrons is maintained, we'll consider it a victory.

This additional method of identifying best fit ECS options at the squadron level will deliver more capable, more efficient ECS force packages to down-range commanders. A secondary benefit is for home-station commanders who will see a better consolidation of their force deployment locations. To reemphasize, warfighting commanders are the first focus of our efforts. The first question we want to answer is, "How many different units make up my next AEF rotation for the expeditionary fire support system at Balad?" We believe the answer to that question will result in an improved AEF deployment process for both the supported and supporting units alike.

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Chief returns POW/MIA bracelet, brings closure to family

Senior Airman Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — Every evening before he went to bed and every morning when he woke up, he read Army Staff Sgt. Manuel Moreida's name inscribed on his bracelet. He did this daily for more than 12 years.

Chief Master Sgt. Marc Rodriguez's personal routine for remembering Sergeant Moreida and the others like him acted as a constant reminder of what was truly important for that day — his own family.

That is why the 52nd Communications Squadron mission systems flight superintendent decided to remove the bracelet and send it to the sergeant's family thousands of miles away — to give a family he has never met a sense of closure after years of uncertainty.

In 1993, while stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, then Tech. Sgt. Rodriguez purchased a prisoner of war/missing in action bracelet from a vendor at the base exchange.

Chief Rodriguez picked the name of an enlisted Soldier from Texas, his home state, who had been declared missing in action in Vietnam.

"Vietnam always had a special meaning for me because I had two older brothers who served there, and thankfully, both made it back safely," the chief said. "I always felt drawn to remember those who didn't make it back home, and this was my small way to honor those still unaccounted for."

When he first started wearing the bracelet, it was bright red, but through the years it has faded to a light pink color; however, it still acts as a steady reminder of why he serves and takes time to remember those who came before him.

"Wearing the bracelet has drawn attention and ques-

tions from younger servicemembers," Chief Rodriguez said. "It allows me to explain to the Airmen that they are a part of a bigger picture and that their service to the nation has a great impact on the world."

Creating an impact is what the chief did for one family in Texas who had been waiting for nearly eight years to be contacted about the POW/MIA bracelet inscribed with their loved one's name.

"I came into work one day and I had an e-mail from Chief Rodriguez stating he had been wearing my uncle's bracelet for many years," said Edith Moreida, Sergeant Moreida's niece who lives and works in Austin, Texas. "I honestly didn't think it would ever be returned, and I was in complete and total shock."

Ms. Moreida soon called her father, who was also very shocked, but extremely grateful.

"Having a missing family member is hard for a family. If we had known (Sergeant Moreida) had died, we could grieve and go on, but not knowing and wondering if he was a POW — that was difficult for every member of our family," Ms. Moreida said.

The journey to reunite the Moreida family with the bracelet began in 2000 when the chief came across a Web site that had biographies of different POW/MIA servicemembers whose remains were still missing.

He found Sergeant Moreida's name on the list and discovered he was part of a four-person crew with the 48th Assault Helicopter Company in Vietnam when he went missing Dec. 2, 1967. Their UH-1D Huey helicopter did not return from a mission, and the crew's status soon changed to missing in action.

"From this Web site, I also learned that the sergeant was from a neighboring town about eight miles from my hometown in Texas," the chief said. "I then read a POW/MIA article in the February 2005 Airman magazine about a bracelet being returned to a family after the servicemember's remains had been identified."



2nd Lt. Jeremy Cotton

Bracelets like this are worn by many to remember those who are prisoners of war/missing in action.

With a little more research, Chief Rodriguez soon discovered Sergeant Moreida's name was no longer listed on the POW/MIA page, as his remains were identified, and he was directed to another Web site containing the names of families looking for bracelets.

The chief said that wearing a POW/MIA bracelet is a big responsibility and the wearer should not just set them aside.

"We become guardians of these people's namesake, and in a way, their memory," he said. "I know it has been a very rewarding personal experience being part of this family's remembrance, and hearing how this one last 'belonging' of the Army sergeant has impacted their family and created a sense of closure. It makes me truly honored."

The POW/MIA bracelet worn on Chief Rodriguez's wrist for more than a decade was mailed to the Moreida family recently, and will rest in Sergeant Moreida's flag and shadow box at his brother's house in Texas.

Operation Summer Survivor/X-Treme Challenge 2005 101 Critical Days midway point vector check

Kenneth Murray
14th Flying Training Wing

We have reached the midway point for this year's campaign. Columbus AFB has been fortunate because, although several of these mishaps could have been much more serious, the mishaps reported to wing safety thus far have all been of a minor nature. The rest of the Air Force has not shared in our success. Eighteen fatalities have left grieving family and friends behind. Now is the perfect time to examine our practices, both on and off duty, to ensure we don't feel that same pain here at home.

Performing risk management is key to preventing a mishap of any kind from occurring. Whether it's an extensive examination of a complex operation at work or a simple glance at on-coming traffic before passing the car ahead, assessing the risk of your actions against the expected gains will keep you happy, healthy and alive.

There have been four on-duty mishaps, and 14 off-duty mishaps — five automobile, five motorcycle and four sports and recreation (drowning).

101 Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge (101 Critical Days) Midway Point			
CAFB			
Mishap Class	2005	2004	2003
A	0	0	0
B	0	0	0
C	0	2	1
USAF			
A	18	14	16
B	0	0	2
C	199	513	442

The most hazardous place this summer for our people to be is on-board a privately owned vehicle. A car, motorcycle or watercraft has been involved in all but one of our off-duty mishaps. There are a few things that jump out at me as I look over the reports. Our on base seat belt inspections show about 97 percent of you wear seatbelts while in the car. If that's true off-base as well then the 3 percent who aren't wearing seat belts are accounting for more than 60 percent of the

fatal accidents. We'll get to 100 percent eventually — either by persuasion or attrition. So far this summer, alcohol has accounted for just one of the wheeled vehicle fatalities. However, drinking combined with swimming, boating or jet skiing is still a lethal combination.

The number of Air Force personnel that have lost their lives due to mishaps during the first half of this campaign is up by 23 percent compared to 2004 and 12 percent to 2003. These numbers all represent individuals that had dreams and future plans for themselves and loved ones that will never be realized. Their co-workers and friends will never again be able to enjoy their company. Their families will only have past memories and questions about what could have been.

The time spent planning your activities and looking at the big "What If?" risk calculations is minuscule compared to a lifetime of regret. Consider the job only half done; we still have 50 more days ahead of us. Don't let your guard down — use the tools you have been provided and plan ahead. Your family, friends and co-workers will be better off for it. Let's all participate in making the rest of this campaign a winner.

Straight Talk Line


The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blaze web at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.




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Do you always do the right thing?

Special Agent Jason Engholm
AFOSI, Detachment 246

SOUTHWEST ASIA — When you think of the expectations you have for your organization, superiors, peers and subordinates, what comes to mind? What core belief, beyond any other, are you adamant on to the last stand?

Of course, many of us would be able to rattle off the Air Force core values without a thought or extra breath. However, maybe there is something even deeper, yet more simplistic, than those three bold statements. Something like, "Do the right thing, even when no one is watching."

Several years ago while working at an office in Europe, I heard a new Air Force Office of Special Investigations region commander explain his expectations for OSI agents in Europe. During his speech, he methodically returned to his basic standpoint of above all else, "Do the right thing,"

No matter if it was during a witness interview, while conducting threat assessments in Latvia or performing background investigation checks in Germany, he always said, "Do the right thing." I, along with many others who heard that commander speak, have taken that bit of professional and personal advice to heart. I now feel that subtle, yet powerful, phrase is the key to a strong ethical code.

So, how do you follow this code and make the right choices and actions? Is there a magic formula or an instruction that outlines how a person should make decisions and act? No, unfortunately there is not. We must depend on our training, personal

integrity and commitment to each other.

To abide by this expectation, we have to remain true to our training and cannot cut corners, bend the rules or stretch the truth.

In addition to staying true to the rules of our profession, we must insist on the integrity to take the path of the challenging right over the simple wrong. For instance, when we are performing duty within the restricted area on the flightline and observe someone who may be unauthorized, we must put forth the extra effort to challenge the individual rather than letting the next technician confront that person. Although we are busy, that extra effort sets us above other professions. In the end, an honorable life is more rewarding than an easy one.

The last portion of this expectation is to have the yearning and commitment to watch out for each other. Simple things such as replenishing paper towels in the bathrooms and engaging each other in conversations about life can accomplish this.

We should exploit the chance to mentor and develop each person and grade at every opportunity and share the principles of leadership and management regardless of our own rank. We must develop and nurture the people we work with as we perform as a team to uphold the high expectations we have for our profession and selves.

"Do the right thing." It is a simple approach to life that is the critical core to a strong ethical code. By living by this philosophy, we remain faithful to our vocation, ourselves and each other.

BLAZE TEAM speaks — Why is it important to remember POW/MIAs?



Lt. Col. Wayne Hill,
retired
JROTC Instructor

Because of sacrifices they made, whether fully aware of the reason they were fighting or not. Especially because of the loved ones they left behind who realize their patriotic sacrifice.



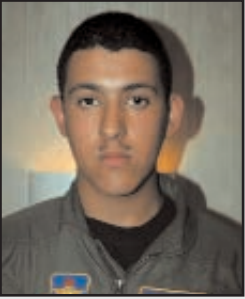
Maj. Kenneth Crane
14th Communications
Squadron

Because first, we owe our security and liberty to them. And second, "they" are "us"... our brothers and sisters in arms.



1st Lt. Alex Riseborough
14th Operations
Support Squadron

It's important to honor the sacrifice of our nation. Also if there is a chance that they may still be alive, never forgetting them and making the best effort to recover them is the least we owe them and their families.



Airman Alex Pelayo
14th Medical
Operations Squadron

We're a team, right? It has to do with camaraderie. We can't leave anyone behind. They're us.

For more information, visit the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office website at www.dtic.mil/dpmo/.

PDF JR.

Children “walk the line” to understand deployments



Second Lt. Richard Buckley, 14th Security Forces Squadron, assists Trisha Boone, 11, with fingerprints for an identification card.



Jacob Canfield, 8, gets a hands-on experience with biological and chemical warfare gear during the event.



Photos by Airman Alyssa Wallace

Shannon Crane, 8, and brother Brian Crane, 11, pass by a display of military weapons. This station was one of many that the children attended during the Personnel Deployment Function Jr. Tuesday. More than 70 children walked the “deployment line.”



Master Sgt. Lisa Atkinson, 14th Flying Training Wing legal office, gives the children the rules of engagement during wartimes. PDF Jr. was designed to give children the experience of what their parents go through when they deploy.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Bundles of Joy

This program for active-duty Air Force and spouses of active-duty Air Force who are pregnant or have a child up to 4 months of age is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 2. Speakers will provide information on finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. It is an Air Force Aid Society program that provides a gift package valued at more than \$50.

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Customer service training

A guest speaker will present from Mississippi State University information about how to improve customer service to others and have happy customers is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Aug. 4. People must register by Aug. 1.

Parenting for prevention

This course for parents of young children is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 10. It will help parents understand parental enabling, common behavior and how to empower their children. Parents must register by Aug. 9. They may also sign-up for the additional five topics for self study including conflict resolution, setting limits and more.

Resume workshop

This workshop on preparing resumes is from 9 to 10 a.m. Aug. 8.

Relaxation course

This two-part series on how to take the time to learn how to relax is from 11 a.m. to noon Aug. 9 and Aug. 16. It will teach how to use progressive relaxation techniques, which are 45 minutes long, to reduce stress. People must sign-up by Aug. 5.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Free childcare

The Childcare for PCS program offers up to 20 hours of free childcare per child for active-duty Air Force people arriving at or departing from Columbus AFB. Certificates are available within 60 days of departure or arrival. For more information, call Sharon Nichols at Ext. 2790.

Base Notes

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until one hour from closing. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call 434-2954.

Math CLEP preparatory

The education center offers a mathematics CLEP preparatory class from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 8 through Aug. 10 in Classroom 11 of Building 916. Twelve seats are available and registration is a first come, first served basis.

The class is designed to sharpen mathematics skills for the Mathematics General CLEP exam Aug. 11. To sign up or for more information, call the education center at Ext. 2562.

COSC social

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club opens its new season with a membership drive and special activities

social at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Columbus Club. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Cost is \$12 per person, and club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. For reservations, contact Jennifer Wood at woodtjigg@cableone.net or 425-6059 by noon Aug. 4.

Student spouse group

The Student Spouses Group, a part of the Columbus Officer Spouses Club, invites student spouses of the past, present and the future for coffee and pastries at Beans and Cream located at Brickerton Square at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 10.

No reservations are needed. For more information, call Veronica Lestina at (319) 931-0980 or e-mail veronickins@hotmail.com.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Adult study and children's one room Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Combined service (Contemporary/Traditional)
Wednesday:
9:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study
11:30 a.m. — Lunchtime study
5:30 p.m. — Pot luck supper and Bible study

Religious studies

A chapel community provides a variety of religious studies every Wednesday at the chapel annex. A ladies' study, “Managing Your Time” by Jean Syswerda, is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; a lunchtime study, “The Fruit of the Spirit” by Stuart Briscot, is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and an evening study, an overview of the Bible led by Tom Marlin, is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

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Today
“Batman Begins”
(PG-13, intense action violence, disturbing images, some thematic elements, 134 min.)
Starring: Christian Bale and Ken Watanabe.

Saturday
“The Perfect Man”
(PG, some mildly suggestive content)
Starring: Heather Locklear and Hilary Duff.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.grapevine.com.

Services offers choices for leisure time pursuits

All you can eat lunch buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all you can eat lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Cost is \$5.95 for club members and \$7.95 for nonmembers.

Tuesday features a mega-salad bar and potato bar, Wednesday is fried chicken, smoked barbecue brisket with all the sides, Thursdays is pork ribs, pulled pork, chicken wings and sloppy Joes with all the sides and Fridays is fish and chips with the mega sized salad bar.

The ala carte menu is also available with the new 12-minute guarantee — order your lunch and if its not ready in 12-minutes your lunch is free. Call Ext. 2490.

Comedy night: Come to the Columbus Club Saturday to hear the comedic talents of “Whodi” and “Kid Dave” Miller. A jazz disc jockey, Mike Rush, provides some rhythm and blues music starting at 7 p.m. and after the comedy show around 10 p.m. The comedy show begins at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets are available until 7 p.m. today for \$5 for club members and \$7 for nonmembers. At the door prices are \$7 for club members and \$9 for nonmembers. The Landing Lounge will be open with beverage specials and the bar menu available. Call Ext. 2490.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge with a free taco bar for club members. Nonmembers pay \$2.95 for the taco bar. Beverage specials are also available. Call Ext. 2490.

Crafts classes: The arts and crafts center offers an adult class in making a mosaic box Aug. 9, an Uncle Sam wooden door hangar Aug. 16, a ribbon woven pillow Aug. 23 and a USA wooden door hanging Aug. 30.

The youth classes include making a personalized pillow case Aug. 10, a personalized place mat Aug. 17, a bulletin board Aug. 24 and a bumble bee clip Aug. 31.

Students must register at least four days in advance of class date at the arts and crafts center.

Stop by the center to see a display of the projects. Call Ext. 7836.

Home decor classes: The arts and crafts center offers home decor/woodworking classes in making a storage unit for an entertainment center Thursday and a dual mount wall shelf Aug. 18. Call Ext. 7836.

Family fun night and pool party: The Columbus Club offers their monthly family fun night from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Independence Pool. Cost for club members is \$3.95 for adults, \$1.95 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and younger.

Cost for nonmembers is \$5.95 for adults, \$2.95 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and younger. Poolside picnic menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, pizza, ice cream and iced tea and lemonade. Call Ext. 2490.

National KidsDay: The youth center invites families to help in this year’s celebration from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 6



Pam Wickham

Summer splash

Capt. Jason Todd and his son Matthew, take a dip in the Independence Pool at the club's membership night Tuesday night. The club offers a family fun night and pool party Thursday. Call Ext. 2490.

at Freedom Park. There will be food, games and demonstrations. Call Ext. 2504.

Back to school shopping trip: Get those back to school items on this trip Aug. 6 to Birmingham, Ala., to the Riverchase Galleria Mall and the Watermark Outlet Mall. The bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m. Sign up at the information, ticket or travel office or call Ext. 7861.

NAF sale: The services division will conduct a NAF sale of furniture and equipment from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 9 for active duty military and from noon to 2 p.m. for all others. Call Ext. 7861.

Casino dinner trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss. Aug. 19. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$28 for nonmembers and includes transportation, \$15 in coins and a free buffet dinner. Call Ext. 7861.

Give parents a break/parents day out: The child development center and youth center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 20. Cost is \$3 per hour per child and children must be registered by Aug. 17. Call the child development center at Ext. 2479 and the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Champagne Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers this combination of entrees from breakfast and lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 21. Cost is \$9.95 for club members and \$12.95 for nonmembers. Children ages 6 to 12 eat for \$5 while children 5 and younger eat free. Call Ext. 2490.

Bowling center specials: Take in two games of bowling, free shoe rental and your choice of a cheeseburger or hot dog, fries and regular drink for \$5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Now through Labor Day, bowl for \$1 per game with 50 cent shoe rental.

Country music fans will enjoy the cosmic country rock n’ bowl from 9 p.m. to midnight Aug. 19. Cost is \$2 per game and free shoe rental.

The pro shop offers their red, white and blue single ball bowling bag for \$17 or two for \$30 while supplies last. Call Ext. 2426.

White water rafting trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Ocoee, Tenn. to ride the white water rapids Sept. 10 to Sept. 12.

Cost is \$105 per person for club members and \$120 for nonmembers. Cost includes a 1/2 river trip, transportation, two nights lodging and three meals. Call Ext. 7861.

First Friday Nite gospel sing: The Friday Nite Gospel Sing is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Princess Theatre located on 5th Street South.

It features different local talent each month. Admission is \$6 per person. The event is sponsored by the McAdams Quartet. For more information, call 328-5016.

Lake Lowndes duathlon: Lake Lowndes State Park will hold its annual duathlon at 8 a.m. Aug. 20. Entry fee is \$20 before the day of the race and \$25 race day. It is a 2-mile run in the park, and 14-mile bike race and another 2-mile run back in the park. For more information, contact the Lake Lowndes State Park at (662) 328-2110 or visit lakelowndes@mdwfp.state.ms.us.

Historic home tours: Drop by or call the Mississippi Welcome Center or Columbus Historic Foundation for schedules of historic homes that open daily to the public for tour. For admission prices or more information, call (800) 920-3533.

Poetry reading and book review: The Sandfield Horizon Committee holds an open-mic poetry reading and book review at 5:15 p.m. every fourth Sunday at the Sandfield Community Center. Readings begin at 5:15 p.m. and the book review begins at 6:30 p.m.

Host families needed: Student exchange Cultural Academic Student Exchange Inc. seeks families in the

Golden Triangle area to be host families for high school foreign exchange students. For more information, call (800) 458-8336.

Stitches From the Heart: Stitches From the Heart seeks volunteers to knit, crochet or quilt blankets, sweaters and hats for babies in need. For more information, call Kathy Silverton at (866) 472-6903.

DAV volunteers: People interested in driving members of the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans should call 244-0391.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one) Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

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Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

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What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other _____

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Columbus AFB seeks runners for Air Force Marathon

Airman Alyssa Wallace
14th Flying Training Wing

Columbus Air Force base is looking for participants to compete in the ninth annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, on Sept. 17.

The marathon will also include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, a four-person relay and a 5k race.

“About 30 people have signed up so far,” said Capt. Shannon Smith, 14th Security Forces commander. “Officers, enlisted, civilians and spouses are all planning to attend the marathon competing in several different events.”

The marathon is a 26.2-mile run that starts and ends at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

It traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson, including the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, the Wright-Patterson flightline and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

Some of the participants train for their event five to six days a week and run between 16-75 miles every week, Captain Smith said.

Bill Rogers, a four-time winner of the Boston and New York City marathons and

a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic marathon team, along with Alberto Salazar, who set six U.S. records, a world record and won three consecutive New York marathons, will speak at a dinner at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 16 and participate in the races.

Registration fees are: marathon (individual), \$45; wheelchair, \$45; relay team, \$160 per team; half marathon, \$30 and the 5k, \$15. Tickets for the dinner can be paid for on the registration entry form and are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child ages 6 to 12, and free for children age 5 or younger.

Permissive temporary duty is authorized for this event.

The Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years, and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event. The marathon began in 1997 as Wright Patterson’s tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. A record 3,500 people participated last year, while about 7,000 others volun-



Airman Alyssa Wallace

BLAZE TEAM Air Force Marathon participants train for the Sept. 17 event.

teered or were spectators.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 2.

The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

For more information, contact Capt.

Smith at Ext. 7111 or visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afinarathon.wpafb.af.mil>. *(Editor’s note: Steve VanWert, Air Force Services Agency Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)*

Shorts

Youth fall soccer

Register by Aug. 19 for the youth soccer program at the youth center. Cost is \$25 for youth center members and \$35 for nonmembers. Open to children ages 3 and older. Call Ext. 2504.

Mixed couple golf scramble

A mixed couple golf scramble begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Aug. 6. The 18-hole tournament provides lunch on the patio. The deadline to sign up is Aug. 5 at the Whispering Pines professional shop. Cost is \$60 plus greens fees per couple and includes prize fund, cart, door prizes, free beverages and lunch. Call Ext. 7932.

Cosmic Country Rock and Bowl

The bowling center offers the Cosmic Country Rock and Bowl from 9 p.m. to midnight Aug. 19.

Stop by the bowling center to participate in a few games of bowling and some country music.

Cost is \$2 per game, and shoe rental is included. Call Ext. 2426.

July golf specials

From 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday during July, greens fees are half price for adults and ages 16 and younger can play 9 holes for \$2 when accompanied by an adult at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Call Ext. 7932.

Par 3 Golf Tournament

This tournament is Saturday at Whispering Pines Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees, and a handicap is required. Call Ext. 7932.

No-tap bowling tourney

This tournament begins at 7 p.m. July 29 at Strike Zone Lanes. Entry is \$15, which includes \$5 for line-age and \$10 for the prize fund. Call Ext. 2426.

Twisted Mixed Tourney

This golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 6, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry is \$60 per couple plus greens fees, and includes a cart, ditty bag, lunch on the patio and a prize fund contribution. Call Ext. 7932.

Winter/fall bowling leagues

The bowling center is now accepting sign-ups for the winter/fall bowling leagues. The leagues will begin in the middle of September. There will be mixed double, ladies, mixed four, seniors and mixed four nine-pin no tap. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

One person scramble

A one person scramble where a person can legally take two shots is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees.

The deadline to register for this event is Aug. 19. Call Ext. 7932.

Women’s Equality fun run

A Women’s Equality Day fun run/walk begins at Aug. 19 in front of the fitness center. Family, children and pets are invited to run the 5k course or walk the 1.5-mile walk. Call Ext. 2772.

Certified aerobics instructors needed

The fitness center is looking for certified aerobics instructors. For more information, call Ext. 2773.